Socialist Worker

PUBLIC MEETING

WHY YOU SHOULD BE A SOCIALIST

Tuesday 21st Feb, 8.00pm Tallaght Welfare Society, (Next to Foxes Covert) Main St, Tallaght village

Labour and the Democratic Left were once parties that working class people looked to to defend their interests. But they have betrayed the hopes people placed in them.

We need a *real* socialist party that rejects getting Mercs and perks at the cabinet table, or rushing to get elected to the Dail or Europe in the hope of building a career on the backs of working class people. The party we need to build will unite those working class people that want to stand up and fight for their rights and the rights of others.

Socialist Worker is building that party. We stand with those workers who organise and fightback in the shops and factories. We stand with those who resist water charges. We stand for a world where working class people organise production for human need not for the profits of super rich.

Our branch in Tallaght is organising a public meeting "Why you should be a socialist".Come and hear our case. Questions and discussion will follow.

STOP PRESS: SUPPORT THE KNIGHTINGALES STRIKERS:

Staff at Knightingales shop in the ILAC centre are on strike after a worker was sacked without warning and an agreed pay rise was not paid. They are members of the shop workers union MANDATE. Don't shop at Knightingales.

BENEFIT SOCIAL THIS SATURDAY 11th FEB 7.30pm THE PLOUGH, LWR ABBEY ST, DISCO, £3 (unwaged £2)

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PACKARD ELECTRIC SPECIAL

Record profits for GM but workers face attacks

PACKARD ELECTRIC bosses continue with their assaults on workers here.

Packard has still to treat properly the 48 workers laid off last May.

The new 7.30 start is creating huge difficulties for some workers needing to re-arrange child care or buses in to work. Management is saying workers must write in individually explaining their difficulties and will be dealt with on an individual basis. they are offering no assurance that these workers will be facilitated.

This is outrageous. There should be proper procedures for workers unable to make a 7.30 start. The union should insist that no worker loses out over the new starting time.

If the question of banked hours is not resolved to the satisfaction of the workers the whole deal should be re-balloted. The cancelled stoppage last week would have been a good opportunity to show the bosses that workers will not let themselves be walked over.

The bosses are now running amok harassing workers over lates and absences. Rebuilding confidence in union organisation is going to be crucial over the next period if this harassment and the threat of more lay-offs is to be beaten off.

Despite Schramm acting the poor mouth, Packard Electric's parent, General Motors, has reported record profits. Last year profits were $4.9 billion, nearly twice the previous years profits.

From October to December it made $17 million every day and the filthy rich shareholders made $5.15 for every share they held!

It is time to stand up and say enough is enough. Workers should demand a union AGM to elect shop stewards to re-build union strength in the factory and stand up to the arrogance of Schramm and Co.

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